Remarks

In reply to the Office Action dated September 22, 2005, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute a species which corresponds to claims 10 to 14. Applicants respectfully submit that species IV and V identified by the Examiner on page 2 of the Office Action correspond to a single species and claims 10 to 14 read on such a species. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. Furthermore, the mentioned claims are not intended to be limited by parts of the specification and figures corresponding to the elected species, as these are only meant to be examples of the mentioned claims.

Applicants request rejoinder of the species corresponding to claims 15-24 in the event that generic claim 10 is found to be allowable in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a). This election is made without traverse. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims, is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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